

REMARKS:

Status of claims and amendments

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated February 28, 2007, the Examiner:

1. rejected claims 1-2, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carver et al (US 6809303);
2. objected to claims 3-6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and
3. allowed claims 8-15.

In this amendment, claim 1 was amended to include the subject matter of original claim 3 and claim 3 was cancelled. No new matter is added.

The 103 rejection

is rendered moot by the incorporation of allowable claim 3 into independent claim 1. Claims 2, 4-7 depend directly or indirectly from 1. As such, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusions

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter, or credit any overpayment, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060944-0141).

Respectfully submitted,



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